

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 05/23/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-9,11,12,14-16 and 18-21.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 12/05/01 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph T. Van Leeuwen on 05/23/05.

Each of the independent claims (1, 8, and 14) has been amended to include limitations of 4, 10, and 17, respectively, and claims 4, 10, and 17 have been canceled. Claims 5, 11, and 18 have been amended so that they depend on the independent claims rather than canceled claims 4, 10, and 17.

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A method of displaying graphical images, said method comprising:

retrieving a thumbtable matrix, the thumbtable matrix including one or more thumbnails organized in a first matrix configuration; displaying the thumbtable matrix on a display window; ~~and displaying a first larger image corresponding to a first thumbnail on the display window concurrently with the displayed thumbnails;~~identifying a vertical scroll configuration; selecting a back scroll button; determining whether the thumbtable matrix is displaying a first thumbnail; and scrolling the thumbtable matrix in response to the determination.

Claim 4. (canceled)

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) The method as described in claim 1 ~~claim 4~~ further comprising: receiving a selection corresponding to one of the displayed thumbnails; retrieving a second larger image corresponding to the selected thumbnail; and

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displaying the second larger image on the display window concurrently with the displayed thumbnails.

Claim 8. (Currently Amended) An information handling system comprising: one or more processors; a memory accessible by the processors; one or more nonvolatile storage devices accessible by the processors; a graphical image display tool, the graphical image display tool including: means for retrieving a thumbtable matrix, the thumbtable matrix including one or more thumbnails organized in a first matrix configuration; means for displaying the thumbtable matrix on a display window; ~~and~~ means for displaying a first larger image corresponding to a first thumbnail on the display window concurrently with the displayed thumbnails; means for identifying a vertical scroll configuration; means for selecting a back scroll button; means for determining whether the thumbtable matrix is means for displaying a first thumbnail; and means for scrolling the thumbtable matrix in response to the determination.

Claim 10. (canceled)

Claim 11. (Currently Amended) The information handling system as described in claim 8 ~~claim 10~~ further comprising:

means for receiving a selection corresponding to one of the displayed thumbnails; means for retrieving a second larger image corresponding to the selected thumbnail; and means for displaying the second larger image on the display window concurrently with the displayed thumbnails.

Claim 14. (Currently Amended) A computer program product stored in a computer operable media for displaying graphical images, said computer program product comprising: means for retrieving a thumbtable matrix, the thumbtable matrix including one or more thumbnails organized in a first matrix configuration; means for displaying the thumbtable matrix on a display window; ~~and~~

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comprising: means for retrieving a thumbtable matrix, the thumbtable matrix including one or more thumbnails organized in a first matrix configuration; means for displaying the thumbtable matrix on a display window; and means for displaying a first larger image corresponding to a first thumbnail on the display window concurrently with the displayed thumbnails; means for identifying a vertical scroll configuration; means for selecting a back scroll button; means for determining whether the thumbtable matrix is displaying a first thumbnail; and means for scrolling the thumbtable matrix in response to the determination.

Claim 17. (canceled)

Claim 18. (Currently Amended) The computer program product as described in claim 14 ~~claim 17~~ further comprising: means for receiving a selection corresponding to one of the displayed thumbnails; means for retrieving a second larger image corresponding to the selected thumbnail; and means for displaying the second larger image on the display window concurrently with the displayed thumbnails.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

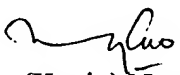
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Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4053. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30AM-5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (571)272-4048. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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